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SOURCE

1. From 22 December 1952 to 8 January 1953, the prepared headquarters in the Reden Tunnel at Ruedersdorf-Kolkberge was occupied by a major as commandant, a captain with red-bordered epaulets, a captain with black epaulets with signal insignia, 2 senior lieutenants with red-bordered epaulets, 2 senior lieutenants with black-bordered epaulets with signal insignia, 2 lieutenants with red-bordered epaulets, 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 60 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were equipped with both carbines and submachine guns. Guard duty was performed as usual. A group of 40 EM, supervised by two officers, have engaged in field training daily from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. since 22 December, except for Sundays.

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2. On 28 November, 1 officer and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the billeting area and, on 9 December, only one officer and 3 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The gates to the bunker were closed on both days. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. On 9 December, source determined that 4 four-story buildings, presumably barracks buildings, were under construction about 1.2 km southeast of Ruedersdorf.

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3. On 27 November, the Reden Tunnel at Ruedersdorf-Kalkberge was occupied by a guard unit of 50 to 60 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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1. Comment. The report indicates no major changes at the headquarters in Ruedersdorf-Kalkberge.

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2. Comment. It is possible that the quarters of the new barracks installation southeast of Alt-Ruedersdorf were ready for occupation in mid-January 1953. In view of the distance between the Reden Tunnel and the new barracks installation, i.e. about 2.5 km, it is doubted that the new quarters should be used for the quartering of components of a high-echelon headquarters in case the Reden Tunnel should be occupied.

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